(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T G VENKATRAMAN) (a) to (d) The Hon'ble Member desires to know the condition of the NH 31 between Bilaspara to Nalbari (inadvertently mentioned as Balbari) This stretch of NH has suffered due to recent monsoons However all efforts are being made to restore the damages and maintain the National Highway in traffic-worthy condition within available resources

[Translation]

Indira Gandhi Rashtriya Manav Sangrahalaya

4678 SHRI TARA CHAND SAHU
SHRI VISHVESHWAR BHAGAT
SHRI PUNNU LAL MOHLE

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state

(a) whether the Government are aware of the alleged irregularities in postings and functioning of Senior Officers at Indira Gandhi Rashtriya Manav Sangrahalaya in Bhopal

(b) if so, whether the Government have taken any action in this regard and also to rectify the functioning of the Institute,

(c) if so, the details thereof and

(d) if not the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S R BOMMAI) (a) to (d) Recently some complaints have been received concerning Indira Gandhi Rashtriya Manav Sangrahalaya, Bhopal and its top functionanes These are receiving attention of the Government

[English]

Technical Institutions

4679 SHRI N RAMAKRISHNA REDDY
SHRI JAI PRAKASH AGARWAL

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state

(a) the places where Technical Institutes have been set up in the country during the last three years till date, State-wise,

(b) whether the Government are considering to set up some more technical institutes,

(c) if so, the details thereof State-wise, and

(d) the achievements made by the technical institutes during the last three years and the amount of Central assistance made available to them State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA) (a) to (d) Under the AICTE Act, 1987, the AICTE is empowered to grant approval to new technical institutions, and for introduction of new courses or programmes in consultation with the agencies concerned The proposals received from various State Governments, agencies, Societies as per the prescribed procedure are examined by the AICTE with the help of experts and in consultation with the State Governments concerned While the institutes established earlier with the approval of AICTE have been producing technical manpower, the institutes set up in the last three years have yet to turn out the first batch of students Information with regard to the State-wise technical institutes set up in the country during the last three years till date to being collected and will be laid on the table of the House

[Translation]

ICON of Ganga

4680 KUMARI UMA BHARATI Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state

(a) whether the Icon of Ganga placed in the famous Ganga temple at Gangotri is being worshiped by the devotees inspite of its broken shape,

(b) if so, the reasons for with-holding the facts from the devotees in regard to its broken shape,

(c) whether any inquiry has been conducted in this regard, and

(d) if so the outcome thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S R BOMMAI) (a) No, Sir The Icon of Ganga is not broken

(b) Question does not arise

(c) Yes Sir

(d) An enquiry was conducted District Magistrate, Uttar-kashi has intimated that no Icon of Ganga has been broken

Dispute among Various Departments on Irrigation Projects

4681 SHRI MOHAMMAD ALI ASHRAF FATMI
SHRI PAWAN DIWAN

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state

(a) whether the Government are aware of the disputes amongst various departments during the implementation of irrigation projects

(b) if so, the details of such disputes and the steps taken by the Government to solve the problem;

(c) whether the Government have issued any general guidelines in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA) : (a) to (d) Reports about disputes among various Government Departments leading to delay in implementation of irrigation projects have not been received at the Centre. One of the important reasons for delay in implementation of projects is difficulties in acquisition of land both private and forests.

As per the guidelines for appraisal of the irrigation projects, clearance from environmental and/or forest angles is a pre-requisite for investment clearance of an irrigation project. To ensure proper coordination between various departments, State Governments have also been advised to set up state-level multi-disciplinary Unit for considering various aspects of a project before its submission to the Central Water Commission for techno-economic appraisal. On the projects involving inter-State issues such as sharing of water of an inter-State river and submergence in other States, the State Government is also required to obtain concurrence of the concerned State Governments before their investment clearance.

[English]

Mysore Old Jain Temple

4682. DR. M.P. JAISWAL : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 700 year old Jain temple in Mysore has been razed to the ground;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any action has been taken so far by the Government to restore and preserve the temple; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S.R. BOMMAI) : (a) No, Sir. The outer stone veneering members from the Navaranga portion were partially removed.

(b) A few stone members of the wall of the ruined temple were dismantled by the local public of the Ravandur Village, Distt. Mysore in June, 1996, for reusing for construction purposes. The entire temple has not been razed to the ground.

(c) and (d) The State Government has stopped all illegal activities in the area and a round the clock vigil is being maintained. The State Department of Archaeology of Government of Karnataka has taken up measures to declare the monument as a State protected monument.

Navodya Vidyalayas in Gujarat

4683. SHRI CHHITUBHAI GAMIT : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Navodaya Vidyalayas in Gujarat at present and the number of students studying in these Vidyalayas;

(b) whether the number of teachers working in these schools is less than the requirement; if so, the details thereof;

(c) the subject-wise number of posts of teachers sanctioned in all these schools and the number of teachers appointed; and

(d) the reasons for appointing the less number of teachers in these schools and the time by which the number of vacant posts are likely to be filled?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) 12 Navodaya Vidyalayass are functioning at present in Gujarat State and the total student enrolment is 3467.

(b) and (c) A Statement showing the details of total sanctioned posts as well as the teachers in position as on 30th June, 1996, in the Vidyalayas located in Gujarat is enclosed.

(d) The reasons for some posts remaining vacant include non-availability of suitable candidates belonging to SC/ST/OBC category. The Samiti has taken steps to fill up the vacant posts expeditiously. Principals concerned have also been authorised to make part-time/Contract appointment, pending regular recruitment.

STATEMENT

The total number of teaching posts sanctioned in Navodaya Vidyalayas located in Gujarat— Subjectwise (as on 30.6.96)

S.No.	Subjects	Sanctioned	In Postion*	Vacant
1	2	3	4	5
PGTs				
1.	Hindi	9	6	3
2.	English	9	3	6
3.	Maths	9	7	2
4.	Biology	9	4	5